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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

A copy of an International Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 27, 2000, was filed in the U.S. PTO on September 14, 2001 is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

While one or more non-English language references have been cited herein, and copies thereof are provided herewith, a concise explanation of the relevance thereof was not readily available at the time of filing this statement. However, such concise explanation will promptly be filed herein.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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